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TO AMEMBASSY LONDON IMMEDIATE
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EXDIS, CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

E.O. 11652: XGDS-1

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SUBJECT: RHODESIA: MEETING WITH GRAHAM

FOR AMBASSADOR BREWSTER FROM DICK MOOSE

REF: LONDON 1031

1. RAY SEITZ AND STEVE LOW WERE ABSOLUTELY CORRECT IN
TELLING GRAHAM IT IS MOST UNFORTUNATE THAT THE BRITISH
HAVE PASSED THE RHODESIAN MESSAGE TO NKOMO THAT THE
RHODESIANS WANT TO MEET WITH HIM. I WOULD BE GRATEFUL
IF YOU, OR RAY SEITZ, WHICHEVER YOU CONSIDER APPROPRIATE,
WOULD CONVEY TO GRAHAM MY SERIOUS CONCERN ABOUT THIS
ACTION THE BRITISH HAVE TAKEN. IT WAS MY CLEAR UNDER-
STANDING, WHICH IS SHARED BY DON PETTERSON AS WELL AS
RAY AND STEVE, THAT WE AND THE BRITISH HAD AGREED ON THE
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INADVISABILITY OF DELIVERING SMITH'S MESSAGE TO NKOMO.
I BELIEVE THAT NOT ONLY COULD IT CONFUSE NKOMO AS TO
OUR REAL INTENTIONS, BUT ALSO IT COULD SOW FURTHER
SUSPICION IN HIS MIND ABOUT BRITISH MOTIVES. I REGRET
THAT THE BRITISH TOOK THE TACK THEY DID ON THIS MATTER
WITHOUT CONSULTING FURTHER WITH US.

2. IF THE EMBASSY HAS NOT RECEIVED DRAFTS FOR BOTH A SUMMARY OF THE BRITISH-AMERICAN PROPOSAL AND THE POSITION PAPER ON THE TRANSITION COUNCIL BY FIRST THING MONDAY MORNING, PLEASE ASK RAY TO PRESS FCO ON THIS. I REGARD IT IMPORTANT THAT WE HAVE AS MUCH ADVANCE TIME AS POSSIBLE TO MAKE OUR PREPARATIONS FOR THE MALTA TALKS.

3. I HAVE BEEN IN TOUCH WITH ANDY AND WILL LET YOU KNOW SHORTLY OUR DECISION ON THE COMPOSITION OF OUR PARTY FOR THE MALTA TALKS.

4. THANKS AGAIN FOR YOUR WISE COUNSEL, RAY'S INVALUABLE ASSISTANCE AND JOAN'S LOGISTICAL LEGERDEMAIN.

CHRISTOPHER

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